

SENATOR NELSON: I support the committee amendments. This was a rapidly drawn bill last year and I think Senator Landis did explain them very well and the committee amendments are the bill, really, and several things...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me, just a moment, Senator Nelson. Let's adopt the committee amendments and then we'll be on them and you may speak.

SENATOR NELSON: All right. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The committee amendments are adopted. May I introduce some guests of Senator Jerry Conway, Mr. John McNiel and son, Dayton, from South Sioux City, Nebraska, with the Chamber of Commerce. They are under the north balcony. Would you please stand and be recognized. Thank you for visiting us today. Back to the bill. Senator Nelson, did you wish to tell us about your bill?

SENATOR NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This bill was...or I thought of this bill when I realized that various county election commissioners were not using the same set of standards in allowing deputy registrations. What this bill then would do would be...I think Senator Landis very well explained the amendments which is the bill, but again I must say one from each party with a stated place to register voters must do this. It takes the political party out of it. They must also be outside of 50 foot from an election place. In essence it gives it a more uniform approach to all counties in registering people to vote. The first thing is that the county clerk would appoint these deputy registrars and they in turn would take an instruction period. It was brought to us as an amendment that should not be for more four hours. It was pointed out in particularly the Spanish speaking people, they were having problems understanding the forms and so on. In Douglas County in which there are a lot of these registrars trained, it's been taking around 45 to 50 minutes to train a registrar. In order...I mentioned that both parties are to